

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed October 22, 2003. To address the Examiner's rejections based upon § 112, Applicant has canceled claims 1-6, and in their place, introduced claims 7-13 that contain the recitations of claims 1-6. The new claims comply with acceptable U.S. patent practice, e.g., the transitional language "characterized in that" is no longer present. In addition, Applicant has strived to establish and maintain proper antecedent basis for all claim recitations. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has canceled the aforementioned claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection. As discussed above, the newly added claims are more clearly directed to the subject matter which applicant considers as his invention, and conform to current U.S. practice. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). The Examiner has alleged that "the cell structure" as claimed in claim 5 is not shown in the drawings. In response to this objection, Applicant has amended claim 5, and Figure 2 to include reference numerals 50 and 51, to reflect descriptions in the specification of the now claimed feature. A replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes of Figure 2 are included herewith. Applicant has also amended the specification to include reference numerals 50 and 51. No new

matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the amendments to the specification and Figure 2 are respectfully requested. Applicant will submit formal drawings upon notification that the objection to the drawings has been withdrawn.

As all issues raised by the Examiner have now been overcome, Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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